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## Duxbury's Day Camps

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What's a kid to do during those dog days of summer in Duxbury? We discovered an array of choices from traditional day camps to astronomy camps, sports, art and music, all geared to a wide range of ages. This two-part feature is by no means a complete summary of all the camps and programs offered, but here's what we found:

### Schools Out For The Summer

Schools may be out for the summer, but not in Duxbury. We found a number of schools offering a variety of summer programs to appeal to children of all ages. For children ages three to six, local preschools offer age-appropriate activities and safe, structured surroundings for fantastic fun. Private schools utilize their classrooms and playing fields over summer months with creative programs for all age levels. Duxbury Before and After Dark provides a number of camps and specialized programs at Duxbury's public school facilities.

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Pied Piper Preschool, located on King's Town Way, structures their camp around theme weeks. "Each week's activities focus on a different theme in which children become actively involved in discovery and exploration," said director Chris Maiorano. Children learn about plants and

animals through nature walks, plantings, a worm farm and the school's guinea pigs. *Fairy Tale Fun*, *Disney Week*, *Circus Days* provide an opportunity for imagination and making friends. In addition to the themes, each week "stories, games and songs highlight each day, as well as, water play and nature investigation," added Maiorano. Duxbury resident, Maureen Leese, has son Parker signed up for all six weeks, and "thinks Pied Piper's program is great because of the different themes and the teachers." Most parents agree "you can't beat the price considering the quality

dances and magical props." For children ages 6 to ten, the themes include ocean adventures with a real lobster boat ride, history themes, archeology, modern art, and even "Ghost Stories and Witch Tales of New England."

Duxbury's own public schools are put to good use this summer by the Before and After

Dark programs. A preschool program, *Tiny Tots*, and several clubs are offered. *Troll club* and *Summer Fun Club*, for children entering grades 1, 2 and 3, provide a mix of enrichment activities and academics as well as arts and crafts and games. The *Dynamic Club*, for children completing

grades 3 through 6, is "an inclusive enrichment program that provides both structured and open-ended activities designed to enhance the academic social and creative skills of children with or without special needs." Both the preschool program and Clubs are 4 weeks in July.

For the nature lover child, Before and Af-

### Traditional Camps to Count On

If you are looking for traditional day camp programming, here are a few to choose from offering plenty of activities and fun for your little camper. Duxbury's own Recreation Department provides a seven week *Kid Camp* for ages 6 through twelve. There are field trips and visits to the beach, arts and crafts, games, and nature walks. You certainly can't beat the price of this camp at \$340, which includes the cost of field trips and transportation.

Camp Wing, located on Keene Street, provides two-day camp programs for children age 3 to thirteen years old. The *Kiddie Camp* program is "designed for the younger camper with an emphasis on self-discovery and socialization," said program director Joanne Fay. Children discover nature while enjoying paddle boat rides, trail walks and through the camps sheep, goat, pig, dogs and cow. The *Kiddie Camp* also offers arts and crafts, games, music, drama, and daily swimming lessons. "During swimming lessons, the child to teacher ratio is 1 to 1 in the water," added Fay.

and "Splish and Splash" (week of August 9<sup>th</sup>) to name a few. All activities focus around these themes with an "emphasis on cooperation not competition," a girls scout philosophy, noted program director Pat Stens.

Although the camp's activities allow the girls to earn Girl Scout badges, "your daughter doesn't need to be a Girl Scout to participate in Camp Friendship," said Stens.

The camp location is ideal for tidal pool observation. "Duxbury bay is one of the largest areas for horse-shoe crabs," which the girls study as part of the programs marine biology," added Stens. Campers learn about conservation and caring for the environment, as well as, canoeing, swimming, arts and crafts, games and songs.

This year the camp dropped its half-day program for

### BEFORE & AFTER DARK TINY TOTS/TROLL CLUB/ SUMMER FUN CLUB

**Ages:** 3.5-5/ Grade 1,2,3/Grade 1,2,3

**Hours:** 9:15 to 12:15

**Begins:** July 6 to 29<sup>th</sup>

**Cost:** \$199 for 4 weeks

**Group size:** classes kept small, additional assistants when needed

**Teacher/child ratio:** 1 to 5, includes High School assistants

**Meals:** bring snack

**Contact:** 934-7633

"a chance of meeting other girls who are not just from their own town," but all over the South Shore, added Stens.

**Note to Reader:** Next week part II of Summer Camps showcases

sports programs, arts and music.

### Camp Sponsorships Offered

Duxbury's Interfaith Council would like to sponsor local camp experience for kids whose families can't afford it.

Toward this end, the campership program needs the support of people in town to make this happen. Last year the council was able to sponsor 34 children and would like to increase that number this year.

The Interfaith Council is made up of nine churches and two retreat cen-

### KIDS CAMP DUXBURY RECREATION

**Ages:** 6 to 12

**Hours:** 8:30 to 3pm

**Begins:** June 28<sup>th</sup> - August 13

**Cost:** \$340 for summer

**Group size:**

**Teacher/child ratio:**

**Meals:** bring lunch and beverage

**Contact:** 934-7034

### SUMMER FUN-PIED PIPER PRESCHOOL

**Ages:** 3 to 5

**Hours:** 9am-1pm, M/W/F

**Begins:** Sessions start July 5, July 12, July 19, Aug 2, Aug 9, and Aug 16

**Cost:** \$60 per week

**Group size:** groups of 15 children

**Teacher/child ratio:** Two teachers for each group of 15 children

**Meals:** bring lunch; drinks and snack provided each day

**Contact:** Chris Maiorano, Director Pied Piper Preschool 585-6843

### Camp Friendship

**Ages:** girls entering grade 1

### CAMP WING

**Ages:** 3-5 and 6 to 13

**Hours:** 9am to 4pm/ 9am to 1pm half day program

**Begins:** June 28 - August 20

care and programs."

Another favorite, Berrybrook preschool, located on Winter Street, offers a unique setting to explore nature with its 60 acres of fields, forest, streams

and pond. A popular choice for Duxbury parents, we're told the camp is already full for summer 1999. So sign up early next spring!

Bay Farm Montessori Academy, located on Loring Street, offers a new program this year, *Choose Your Own Adventure*, which provides programming for children ages 3 to 6 and 6 to ten, as well as, "Toddler Fun" for children fifteen months to 3 years. Each weekly theme has complimenting activities that "include arts and crafts, gardening, drama, music and games," said directors Pam and Leo Malboeuf. In addition students participate in tennis and swimming lessons, cooking classes and the elementary school-aged children enjoy field trips. The academy is also "surrounded by many tame farm animals," they said. A wide range of interests is offered with themes like, *Dinosaurs and Volcanoes* in which children ages 3 to 6 "create a giant volcano outdoors." For the imaginative child, the *Alice and Wonderland* week offers the opportunity to "enter the zany world of Alice, creating scenes,

through grade 7

**Hours:** 9am - 4pm M-F

**Begins:** June 28<sup>th</sup> - August 20

**Cost:** \$130 per session

**Group size:** Ave. of 16 girls per group

**Teacher/child ratio:** 1 to 6

**Meals:** bring lunch and water bottle

**Contact:** Patriot's Trail Boston 617-482-1078

structor Missy Walker of Duxbury. For older children who have completed grades 3, 4 and 5, *Frogs to Bogs to Beaches*, taught by Duxbury science teacher, Paul Romano, is a great opportunity to examine four ecosystems of Duxbury.

There is also a *Kids on Kids-Camera Club*, a one-week program for ages 11 through thirteen, which teaches kids how to use a camera and photograph their "friends and family." Additional programs include acting, myth and monsters, an astrocamp and robotics. We found the Duxbury Before and After Dark offering programs for every child's interest and age in mind.

ter Dark once again offers *Nature Hugs-Going Buggy and Pond Adventures*. Children ages 5 to 7 "will observe, classify, and perform experiments" along with games and crafts, said in-

the water," added Fay. For the older child, Camp Wing's *Day Camp* provides campers the opportunity to "explore nature and learn cooperation while developing new skills." The newly acquired Challenge Course, a 30 foot rope climbing course, is used to teach team building and help children gain self-esteem and work as a team, noted Fay. The camp's two swimming pools are used for both free swim and instruction swimming. In addition, arts and crafts, music, cooking, canoeing, and multicultural programs are all included in daily activities.

#### CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE AT BAY FARM MONTESSORI ACADEMY

**Ages:** 3-6, 6-10

**Hours:** 9am-12 or 3pm, M-F

**Begins:** June 21 to August 13

**Cost:** starting at \$75 for 3 days 9am-12 noon first week and \$125 for 3 days 9am-3pm and increases if all five days, see brochure for further details.

**Group size:** class size limited

**Teacher/child ratio:** 1 to 8 for the 3-6 yr. old camp 1 to 12 for the 6-10

**Meals:** bring snack, lunch & water bottle

**Contact:** 934-7101

**Note:** Toddler Fun for ages 15 months to 3 years, 9am - 12noon, T,W,Th begins July 20th

such as "Making Waves" (week of June 28<sup>th</sup>), "Tidal Pools" (week of July 19<sup>th</sup>), "Castaways" (week of August 2),

those entering kindergartner and offers a full day of fun for girls entering grades 1 through 7. "We decided that the girls should first experience girl scouting on a troop level and then come to camp," explained Stens.

Camp Friendship is named appropriately, noted mother Debbie Segalla whose two daughters "couldn't wait to come back this summer." It offers them

two week sessions  
**Cost:** \$315 per two-week full day session M-F with reduced rates for fewer days. \$215 per two-week half-day session M-F with reduced rates for fewer days

**Group size:** 30 campers per day at Kiddie Camp/70 camper Day Camp per day

**Teacher/child ratio:** Kiddie Camp 1 to 5/ Day Camp 1 to 10

**Meals:** bring lunch, drinks provided

**Contact:** 834-2700 Program Director Joanne Fay, Day Camp Director, Kaitlyn Laramee

check that it is earmarked for camperships. Call Phil Berry at 934-7131 or Robin Lualdi at 934-7680 with questions.

ters. Local camps will work with the council to help fulfill the need but donations are desperately needed and time is crucial. Individuals who would like to donate can do so through tax deductible donations to: Duxbury Interfaith Council, P.O. Box 1161 Duxbury, 02331. Please make a

# Duxbury Summer Camps Part II: Sports, Arts and Music

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Last week we featured traditional summer camp programs offered at schools and local camp organizations. This week we bring you a variety of summer enrichment programs with a focus on sports, art and music to appeal to a wide range of ages. This two-part feature is by no means a complete summary of all programs offering sports, art and music in Duxbury, but here's what we found:

## SPECIALIZING IN SPORTS

The number of programs in Duxbury with a focus on sports is endless. Gymnastics, soccer, basketball, baseball, tennis, fun runs and more are all part of the action this summer.

Since 1985, Gymnastics with Flair has offered both a half-day and all-day camp for girls and boys ages 4 to ten. This year, the program also includes swimming at private pool including transportation to and from Gymnastics with Flair. "It is supervised, and the number of children are limited," added co-owner David Chasnov. The half-day program begins at 9am until noon, while the full day program, for ages 8 and older, continue on for swim-

ming and then return to the gym to continue the gymnastics portion of the program. Many parents we spoke to find Gymnastics with Flair's program very flexible since they can chose to sign up for any day or all week., and the program runs from June 28 through August 30<sup>th</sup>. At Gymnastics with Flair, "our student teacher ratio is small to ensure the safety of our gymnasts," added Chasnov. And of course, Thursdays is always the traditional Popsicle day!

## GYMNASTICS WITH FLAIR SUMMER CAMP

**Ages:** Morning Camp ages 4 - 10;  
**Hours:** 9am - 4pm M-F  
**Begins:** June 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Cost:** \$35 per All-Day Camp; \$16 per Morning or Afternoon  
**Group size:** class size limited  
**Teacher/child ratio:** 1 to 6 plus assistants  
**Meals:** bring snack and lunch  
**Contact:** 934-5145.

Duxbury's Recreation Department also offers a gymnastics program this summer. Their program offers gymnastics to preschoolers, kindergarten and first graders, as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> through fifth grade. "There are classes Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night for one hour over a six weeks pe-

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT BASKETBALL

**Ages:** Boy's 8-10 and 11-13; Girl's 8-14  
**Hours:**  
**Begins:** June 28<sup>th</sup> for boys 8-10; July 5-9 for boys 11-13; July 12-16 girl's camp  
**Cost:** \$125  
**Group size:** 10 or less to a group  
**Teacher/child ratio:** 1 to 10 or less  
**Meals:** bring water bottles  
**Contact:** 934-7034

riod," noted Mat Chin, Assistant Director of the Recreation Department. Instructors are college level gymnasts and children are in small groups according to ability in order to keep a one to three ratio, added Chin. Parents can't beat the price at thirty-five dollars for all six classes of instruction,

and its one way to beat those evening bewitching hours at home!

Duxbury's Recreation Department offers other sports programs during the summer geared to a wide range of ages. Now in their tenth year, the Basketball Camp offers a high-level of instruction to both boys and girls. "We had 72 kids participate last year in the program," said Chin who is anticipating a high level of participants this summer.

The Recreation Department also offers a popular tennis program. This six-week session is organized by student's ability and is taught at the Duxbury High School and Tarklin. "It's a fairly popular program with college instructors" who provide two hours of morning instruction, noted Chin.

Soccer Camp through the Rec. Dept provides boys and girls ages 6 to ten the opportunity to develop skills while

having fun. This year's Fifth Annual Soccer Camp will take place at the Ray Coppens Soccer Fields on Chandler Street. The Camp is once again coordinated by Matthew Cushing, Wheaton College's Head Soccer Coach, and Mike Coven, "who both bring impressive soccer backgrounds to the camp." Last year, this soccer camp attracted 160 kids, and had over 15 counselors. "There are usually 10 to 12 instructors hired by the recreation department, and then Mat Cushing also brings

another five to six counselors who are college players," noted Chin.

In addition to the recreation soccer camp, Matt Cushing will direct the World

Class Soccer School at the Ray Coppens Field Complex this summer. Cushing has been coaching soccer at Wheaton College for five years and this is his eleventh year administering summer soccer camps. There is a half-day program for boys and girls ages 6 to 8 and a full day camp for ages 8 to fourteen. The half-day program costs the same as the Recreation Department's soccer camp, but takes place during the week of June 29<sup>th</sup>. "The difference between the two camps is that the World Class Soccer School is

more advanced with a little more advanced staff than the Recreation Department's program," said Matt Cushing.

This summer marks the third year for the World Class Soccer School in Duxbury and will again include college and high school coaches and college soccer players. "We usually have the whole camp warm-up and then break up into small groups by age to teach technical skills and end by having them playing small games with same aged children," explained Cushing.

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT TENNIS

**Ages:** 8-14  
**Hours:** mornings for two hours  
**Begins:** July 5 - August 13<sup>th</sup>  
**Cost:** \$35  
**Group size:** small  
**Teacher/child ratio:** At Tarklin 1 to 8; At DJSHS 1 to 6  
**Meals:** bring water bottles  
**Contact:** 934-7034

Bill Curley Basketball Clinic is another privately run sports program offered in Duxbury. A member of the Minnesota Timberwolves, Bill Curley brings a wealth of basketball experience to his students, having "been involved with some of the best players and coaches in basketball history including, Larry Bird, Kevin McHale, Grant Hill and Kevin Garnett." Matt and Mickey Curley will also be active clinic instructors in the program. The all day clinic is offered to children ages ten and up and will take place at Duxbury High School. "Each day we will give special attention to the individual skills of

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rebounding, ball handling, shooting, and strength conditioning

through stations and lectures," said Curley. Children will also participate in team games, "along with games of 3 on 3 and 1 on 1." Curley noted that girls and boys will not play on mixed

teams and teams will be rotated daily and based on the child's ability, not age. Although campers will "learn to compete and prepare themselves for the game of basketball, the focus will be on team work, good sportsmanship, and having fun" added Curley.

### IF SAILING IS YOUR GAME

Consider the Duxbury Bay Maritime School for your child's sailing, boat-making and marine ecology summer fun. We found a wide-selection of age-appropri-

ties," noted Ned Lawson, Executive Director of DBMS.

We use Prams, basic boats

which are ideal for single-sail training, Optimists, which have the same hull as a pram but are a little more technical and used to race internationally, explained Lawson. 420's provide small

two-person boats that are "stable, yet exciting sloops used extensively by high schools and colleges." In addition, Flying Scots, a 19-foot boat

accommodating 3 to 4 students and an instructor, are used in the *Discovery Week* program "to introduce children to sailing." This program is an ideal way for parents to

give their child a taste of sailing before committing to a three week long program.

This summer the DBMS introduces two new programs to

### RECREATION DEPARTMENT SOCCER

**Ages:** 6-10

**Hours:** 8-11am

**Begins:** July 6 to July 9

**Cost:** \$50

**Group size:** small

**Teacher/child ratio:** assistants added to keep ratios low

**Meals:** bring water bottles

**Contact:** 934-7034

### BILLY CURLEY BASKETBALL CAMP

**Ages:** 10 and up

**Hours:** 9am-3pm

**Begins:** August 16th

**Cost:** \$170

**Group size:** done by ability sizes kept small

**Teacher/child ratio:** 1 to 6

**Meals:** bring lunch and snack

**Contact:** 585-3972

### BEFORE AND AFTER DARK ART CLASSES

**Ages:** Grades 3-7

**Hours:** 9am to noon

**Begins:** July 6-15<sup>th</sup> Mask

**Making:** July 20-29 Paper Mache Creations

**Cost:** \$120

**Contact:** 934-7633

girls ages 14 to 18. The classes are kept small and meet five days a week for two and half-hours. "The kids will build a ten foot long skiff, designed by Duxbury's Gordon Tucker, which will stay at DBMS, and their own pair of wooden oars to take home," added Lawson.

Wendell Ceme, a biology teacher at Silver Lake High School, will direct the Marine Ecology class. Ceme will provide instruction to children ages 8 through ten in two one-week sessions, and for eleven and twelve year olds two-week long sessions.

### ARTS AND MUSIC TO FILL YOUR DAY

We found so many enrichment programs in Duxbury offering a variety visual arts, acting and music. Here are a few to consider for your artistic and creative child. Summer Fun at the Ellison Center for the Arts provides a wonderful

visual art and music enrichment program for children ages 5 to 9. "We have an art and music program each day to go around a central theme," said Allison Cowen. Some of the themes planned for this summer include, The Train of

Imagination, Animals in Wonderland, and The Wizard of Clay. Children are divided up by ages, 5 to 7 and 7 to 9, and then into groups of twelve.

In the morning, the younger children do

9am to 12pm each day. Mask making won't be limited to the

face, as children are encouraged to "experiment with plaster gauze forms of your own hands or feet!" Gabbard will also teach a Paper Mache

### SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY

**Ages:** High-school Level

**Hours:** Vocals-8:30am-2:30pm

**Audio Recording** 9am-2pm

**Begins:** in July

**Cost:** Summer Vocals: \$400

**Audio Recording:** \$390

**Location Recording:** \$350

**Contact:** 934-2731

Creations class for those who have completed grades 4-7. Duxbury Before and After Dark also provides musical enrichment for a wide range of ages. Rhythm and Rhyme for children aged 3 to 5 and Catch the Beat for ages 6 to 8, plus Recorder Fun for Summer taught by DPS music teacher, Nancy Gordon, is offered to those who have completed grade 2 and up!

The South Shore Conservatory will also offer music programs this summer. Summer Vocal Institute, directed by Tamara Brooks, a Massachusetts 1999 All-State Choral Conductor, for high school vocalists

### SUMMER FUN AT THE ELLISON CENTER

**Ages:** 5-9

**Hours:** 10am to 2:30pm

**Begins:** June 28<sup>th</sup> - August 13<sup>th</sup>

ate programs and skilled sailing instruction offered at the DBMS. The Junior Program for children ages 8 through eighteen provides three three-week sessions. "Classes generally last two and half hours and are scheduled based on the

## WORLD CLASS SOCCER CAMP

**Ages:** Half-Day Camp ages 6 - 8; Full-Day Ages 8-14  
**Hours:** 9am - 12; 9am - 3pm.  
**Begins:** Half-Day Camp June 29<sup>th</sup> - July 2  
 Full-Day Camp July 19-23 and July 26-30  
**Cost:** \$50 for Half-Day; \$150 for Full-Day  
**Group size:** grouped by ages in small sessions during program Teacher/child ratio: 1 to 10 or 1 to 7  
**Meals:** Half Day program: bring snack, water bottle, beverage supplied  
**Full Day program:** bring lunch, water bottle, beverage supplied  
**Contact:** 1-508-286-3996

the scene, boat Building and Marine Ecology. DBMS has appropriately planned these courses to run during low tides so students participating in the sailing lessons can also take part in these programs. Jeff Grey, a master wooden boat builder and owner of Snug Harbor Boatworks will teach the boat-making class for boys and

Classes will meet for two and half-hours at the DBMS and the lab at Duxbury's Middle School. "We will provide van transportation to and from the lab and take the kids out on the launch to look at things in our bay," said Lawson. Some of the topics for the classes include, mapping the bay, threats to the bay, tides, waves and currents; the intertidal zone and life in a drop of seawater.

## DUXBURY BAY MARITIME SCHOOL BOAT BUILDING CLASS

**Ages:** 14 - 18  
**Hours:** 2.5 hours meeting during low tide five days a week  
**Begins:** Session I July 12-23; Session II July 26 - August 6; August 16-27  
**Cost:** \$250  
**Group size:** Each class limited to 8 students  
**Teacher/child:** 1 to 8, plus assistant  
**Contact:** 585-3972

the art program while the older group is doing the music segment, explained Cowen. "They break for snack in an air-conditioned room and then go outside for twenty minutes of free play in the outdoor-en-

closed playground, switching into the other segment afterwards," said Cowen. The music program is taught by Jean Prior and the art program is taught by art teacher, Julie Hawkins "who has taught at Montessori for many years." The program is open to children of all abilities and "we are handicap accessible," added Cowen.

Duxbury Before and After Dark also provides art and music enrichment programs this summer. Plaster Gauze Mask Making for DPS ART teacher, Candy Gabbard, will teach children who have completed grades 3-7 is. This is a two-week program beginning July 6<sup>th</sup> and children meet from

**Cost:** \$150 per week for DAA/ Current SSC Students; \$175 per week non-members  
**Group size:** groups of 12T  
**Teacher/child:** 2 to 12 plus additional personnel on premises  
**Contact:** 934-2731, ext. 15

will happen at the Ellison Center for the Arts from July 5 through July 23<sup>rd</sup>. "Students perform to a live audience, and feel the thrill of watching a live performance with new guest artists everyday," they said. There will also be a Audio Recording Summer Session for junior and senior high school students who will "learn the basics of audio recording and music production, and a Location Recording and Mixing Sessions. Paul Caruso teaches both courses.

## DUXBURY BAY MARITIME SCHOOL JUNIOR PROGRAM

**Ages:** 8 - 19  
**Hours:** depends on tide (between 7:30 am and 2pm)  
**Begins:** Session I June 28<sup>th</sup> - July 16; Session II July 19 - August 6; August 9-27  
**Cost:** Depending on program \$95 to \$275; 10% discount for multiple students in same family.  
**Group size:** varies according to program  
**Teacher/child:** 1 to 5  
**Contact:** 585-3972

ing instruction and direction during an intense six hour a day workshop over a period of five days," explained Chin. The week will end with a full-scale production of Annie on Friday for the parents and public at the Middle School.



Paul Bruce, instructor for Duxbury's Before and After Dark Clam Digging Course, demonstrates the proper method of digging littleneck clams with bare hands.